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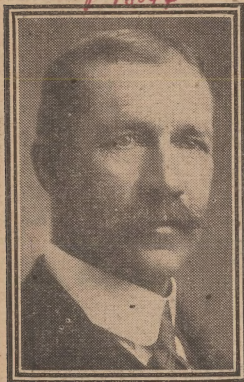
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Major-General C. I. Fry.



Major B. St. J. Clarkson.



Major H. A. Bransbury, of the
R.A.M.C.

Three officers mentioned in the dispatch from Sir John Nixon in Mesopotamia. It will be found on another page.—(Lafayette and Elliott and Fry.)

GERMAN SHELL DESTROYS STATION
DURING THE VERDUN BATTLES.



A snapshot taken before the tactical retirement of the French forces on the Forest of La Vauche. It shows a German shell exploding and destroying a small station at Ornes, a little village of 923 inhabitants, north-east of Verdun.

BATTERED FORT WHICH THE HUNS CANNOT TAKE.

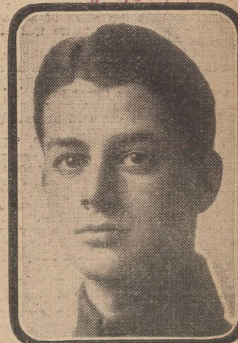


This is the condition to which the German artillery had reduced it by the fourth week in March after five weeks' incessant bombardment. But they haven't taken it yet.—(French War Office photograph.)

AIRMEN IN
THE NEWS



Flight-Commander H. L. Reilly, who has been mentioned in Sir John Nixon's dispatch. He displayed remarkable skill and powers of observation.



Lieutenant Geoffrey Wynne Bavin, aged eighteen, who was killed while flying over Upavon Downs. He was last seen beginning a descent.—(Swaine.)



Lieutenant E. W. Leggart, awarded the Military Cross. He succeeded in bringing down two German machines while flying at 150 miles an hour.

WHAT PEOPLE THINK OF NEW IMPOSTS.

Soldiers and Sailors Likely To Be Affected by Match Tax.

NO LOSSES AT THEATRES.

What do people think of the new taxes?
A well-known railway official yesterday said he thought he was right in saying that the Chancellor of the Exchequer's tax on the travelling public came as a great surprise to the railway companies.
The manager of one of the leading high-class mineral water factories in London said the tax on mineral waters had dropped on them not merely as a squib but as a veritable bombshell.

WHEN GALLERY PAYS 1s. 2d.

Here are some opinions on the taxes:—
Matches.—Messrs. Martins, cigar and cigarette importers, yesterday said that although nothing had yet been decided upon, they feared that the matches which they sent out to the front in the smokers' packets, and to the sailors, would have to be omitted.
Since the outbreak of war they had sent out 17,500,000 packets of matches to the soldiers and sailors, aggregating 350,000,000 matches.
Railways.—A well-known railway official said that for the present the tax would not affect the earning powers of the companies in so far as it concerned dividends for the shareholders.
After the war, however, Mr. McKenna's proposals would have to be faced by the companies, and it was hardly too much to say that they would partly revolutionise travelling in this country.
For instance, a return to cheap fares—"excursion or week-end"—was now very unlikely.

FOOTBALL VIEW.

Football.—Mr. J. McKenna, president of the English Football League, interviewed, said there would not be the slightest objection to the football tax. A meeting of the League Committee would be held to-morrow to arrange the matters of concern to the clubs.
Theatreland.—Speculation ran high in theatreland as to how the public and the playhouse proprietors would be affected by the new amusement taxes.

One shilling and half-crown seats will be taxed 2d., so that the price of a seat in the gallery of a West End theatre will be 1s. 2d., and one in the pit 2s. 8d.
There will be a tax of 3d. on the 4s. and 5s. upper circle seats, and a tax of 1s. on a 10s. 6d. stall.

The general opinion seems to be that the new taxes will not in any way empty the theatres.
A West End manager said he anticipated no loss from the new taxation.

"At the same time," he added, "I entirely agree with Mr. Oswald Stoll, that under the new conditions theatrical and variety management should be allowed to exist for seven days in the week if they are so disposed, while in the case of variety theatres the present licensing restrictions ought to be abolished."

Concerts.—The details of any change that may have to be made," said the manager of Veri's Concert Agency, "have not yet been thoroughly thought out."
Probably, however, the question will be settled by a rise in the price of concert tickets."

CINEMA'S PATRIOTIC SPIRIT.

Cinema.—Inquiries put to the fact that those concerned in the cinema trade are prepared to accept the new impost readily and in a spirit of patriotism. There is a general agreement that some of the smaller cinema theatres will be affected, but not to the extent of causing them to close entirely.

The addition of 1d. for tickets which do not exceed 2d. and 1d. for 6d. tickets will probably keep some of the poorer patrons of the cinemas away, but not to a considerable extent.

Cocoa.—The manager of Messrs. Cadbury and Co.'s London office said if it was intended to tax the bean it would make a great difference in the price to the consumer, but if, on the other hand, the Chancellor meant to put the extra tax on the manufactured cocoa, then the retail cost would not be greatly affected.

THREE GUINEAS FOR A QUESTION.

Mr. Anderson is to ask Mr. Tennant if a new organisation, called "The Cripples' Pension Society," of Charing Cross, one of whose objects is to assist crippled soldiers, proposes to pay parliamentary representatives a fee of three guineas for every question they ask in Parliament on behalf of the organisation, with a minimum payment of £52 10s. a year.

'MORE MEANS THAN COMMONSENSE.'

In the House of Lords yesterday Lord Selborne, in reply to Viscount Peel, said he was hardly alive to the danger to which the sophisticated person, possessed of more means than commonsense, was exposed by land speculators and land development companies, but he did not think it was possible to do more than utter a public warning against dangers to which the noble lord had called attention.

The Board of Agriculture was fully aware of the likelihood of a recrudescence of speculation in land and buildings after the war, and would do its best to protect possible victims of speculators.

MAGNIFICENT TWINS. NEW FACES FOR OLD.

Patrick and Patricia, the Pride of Holborn's Big Baby Show.

ONE-YEAR-OLD'S TWELVE TEETH

The annual baby show of the Holborn Maternity Centre produced this year the finest crop of young British citizens that has ever been seen. Such, stated an official, is the war's effect upon Holborn.

The chief glory of the show were the twins, Patrick and Patricia Sargent, twelve months old on St. Patrick's Day, whose father, in the Royal Horse Artillery, was at the front when the twins, his first children, were born, and he is there now.

Frequent reports and pictures, however, show his babies to be a truly magnificent pair, with blue eyes, curly golden heads, and wonderful dimples in cheeks, arms and knees.

Patricia, who is a forward little girl, has twelve teeth, and is already learning to walk.

Their father and his four brothers all came over from Canada to serve. Their mother's only brother is also in the Army as was also their grandfather. And very proud of their family record the twins looked as they grasped shock hands with *The Daily Mirror* representative.

Throwing family pride and responsibility aside, however, they then made a dash for hair, eyes, and collar, all of which they poked and pulled to exhibit their daily growing strength. The rest of the babies, ranging in years from a quarter to three and a half, and all of them the particular care of the Holborn Maternity Centre, did not discredit to their native borough.

Handsome prizes were presented by the Mayor of Holborn to the various winners.

SHOT IN THE PARK.

Fate of Wealthy Russian Woman Who Had a Morbid Mind.

"I kiss you very strongly, darling. Nobody must be incriminated in reference to my death. It is quite time that I go," was a passage from a letter to a friend read yesterday at a Marylebone inquest on Olga Neveroff, a young Russian subject, who had been living at Curzon-street, Mayfair.

She was found by a park-keeper in a shrubbery in Regent's Park with a bullet wound in her head and a revolver clutched in her hand. Evidence of identification was given by Miss Elizabeth Hagney, of the Mall, Hampstead, who said that the dead woman owned considerable means. Her father had belonged to Warsaw, and as far as witness knew she had no relatives in England.

In a letter to her sister she said: "I am still from time to time depressed. The fault is my morbid character."
The jury returned a verdict of Suicide whilst of unsound mind.

WAR PRISONERS PUT TO WORK.

Mr. Tennant informed Mr. Gilbert, in the House of Commons yesterday, that prisoners of war in this country are employed at various places on work of public utility.

A considerable number are employed in making mail-bags, some in agriculture and other work in the neighbourhood of the camps. It is hoped to arrange shortly for the employment of prisoners of war on an extended scale.

£600 FOR RAILWAY LIBEL.

Damages amounting to £600 were awarded before Mr. Justice Darling yesterday to Mr. Albert Leigh, chief assistant in the audit account department of the Great Central Railway, who brought an action for libel against the proprietors and publishers of the "Railway Clerk," the organ of the Railway Clerks' Association. Mr. Gordon Hewart, K.C., for the plaintiff, said that some time ago the girl clerk employed on the railway wanted a war bonus, and one of them saw the plaintiff about it. Later, the defendant paper published an article attacking the plaintiff, saying Mr. Leigh "bribed" the girl and threatened to dismiss those who were agitating for the bonus.

This was denied by the plaintiff, and the girls in question gave evidence that the statements in the article were not justified.

DEMAND FOR AN INQUIRY.

Allegations against Mr. E. D. Morel, the secretary of the Union of Democratic Control, were mentioned yesterday in the House of Commons. Mr. W. Thorne asked the Home Secretary—
"Whether Mr. Morel was at present located in the United Kingdom."

"If he was aware that charges have been made to the effect that Mr. Morel had been for some years a paid agent of the German Government."

"If he would have a searching inquiry made into the past and present activities of Mr. Morel with a view to establishing his connection with the enemy or proving his bona fides."

Mr. Herbert Samuel: The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. I am aware that charges have been made of the character stated, but I am not aware of the grounds for the charges, and I have no information which would serve as the basis of an inquiry.

Wizardry of Lieutenant Wood, A.R.A., for Disfigured Fighters.

SERGEANT'S FAISE EYEBROWS

The soldier who has lost his face—or a portion of it—at the front can now have it replaced.

Lieutenant Derwent Wood, A.R.A., who in peace time is a well-known sculptor, is now busy at the 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, making faces for soldiers.
Yesterday morning yesterday saw Lieutenant Wood—who has been granted his commission by Sir Alfred Keogh, Director-General of Medical Stores, in recognition of his services to the troops—surrounding mouth tissues.

One of the lieutenant's patients—a young sergeant in the Canadian artillery—was present. He had lost his left eye and the whole of the upper part of his nose as the result of shell fire at Ypres.

To-day the man has a new eye, new eyebrows and a new bridge to his nose. They fit him like a glove, and he admits that he is perfectly comfortable.

In preparing these face masks a plaster mould has first to be procured. Then a clay or plasticine squeeze is obtained, giving a positive model of the patient's dressed wound and the surrounding healthy tissues.

Modelling then commences, and the art of the sculptor is brought into play. The mould is then cast, and a plaster positive of the wound and its surrounding structures procured.
Another sitting is obtained, and the portions which are to be hidden eventually by the metal plate are modelled in clay or wax, the edges being blended to the uninjured portions.

This is the surrounding healthy tissue, and the edge of the proposed plate being marked on the negative, a cast is obtained. The model is then ready to have an artificial eye fitted to the lids. These eyes are supplied by Messrs. Hamblin.

The model is then taken to the electrolytizer, where an exact reproduction by galvanoplastic deposit is made in thin virgin copper.

It is finally well coated with silver. Then bands are soldered in on the back, clamping the eye in place, and it is then coloured.

TOOK A FATHER'S PART.

Case for Mrs. French Opened in the King's Proctor's Application.

Further evidence was called yesterday before Mr. Justice Horridge in the application by the King's Proctor that the decree nisi granted to Mrs. Ida Marcell French in December, 1915, shall not be made absolute.

Mrs. French is the daughter of General Wynne, formerly Postmaster-General of the U.S.A. In 1914 she was married to Captain Hugo Ronald French, of the 7th Dragoons.

The intervention by the King's Proctor was on the alleged ground that Mrs. French had herself been guilty of misconduct, on board the *Mauretania*, at London, having had an affair with Mr. Frank Andrews, an American friend.

A French nurse who was engaged by Mrs. French when she was at the Piccadilly Hotel said that she had seen her mistress sitting on Mr. Andrews' knee. She had often seen them kissing.

The nurse said she signed a statement saying there was no misconduct because she did not want to lose her job.

Mr. Hewart, K.C., opening the case for Mrs. French, said that when she returned from America General Wynne was ill, and he thought it best that his old friend, Mr. Frank Andrews, who was commander of the M2 fighting machine, should accompany Mrs. French and act in his (the father's) place.

Mr. Andrews simply played the part of a father, and it is in the interests of familiarity between these two people there was no misconduct.

Mrs. French, giving evidence, denied the charges. The hearing was again adjourned.

£1,000 MIGHT SAVE NEW AEROPLANE

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Hodge asked the Under-Secretary of State for War, as representing the Inter-Departmental Committee on Aeronautics, whether an application had been made by Messrs. Mann and Grimmer to complete the M2 fighting machine, whether it is being granted, and what steps he proposed to take to prevent the loss of a valuable experiment.

Mr. Tennant replied that the machine M2 was to have been tried by the War Office, but it was smashed before it could be tried. Messrs. Mann and Grimmer then applied for financial assistance to complete another one. The application was being considered.

Mr. Hodge: Is my right hon. friend aware that £1,000 would complete the experiment?
Mr. Tennant: I am obliged for the information.

TRAIN OVERTURNED.

An alarming accident occurred yesterday on the Brighton Railway between Crowborough and Buxted.

The eight o'clock train from Tunbridge Wells to Brighton just left Crowborough station when the engine left the rails and, with the three leading coaches, was overturned.

Two passengers and the fireman were injured. One of the train was a large number of pupils going to school at Lewes, and these had narrow escapes.

CHEERED BY SIGHT OF ENEMY.

British Forget Fatigue in Dash for Kut-el-Amara.

NIGHT SAVED THE TURKS.

Stirring stories of the bravery and daring of our troops in fighting a way up the Tigris are told by General Sir John Nixon, General Commanding the Expeditionary Force in Mesopotamia, in his dispatches issued to-day.

The period dealt with is April-September of last year. Sir John says:

While the 12th Division was advancing by the Karun and Kharkel Rivers, preparations were in progress for an advance up the Tigris by the 6th Division under command of Major-General Townshend.

The Turkish force was entrenched north of Qurnah on islands formed where high ground stood out from the inundation which covered all lower lying country.

General Townshend's plan was to capture the advanced position by a frontal attack, combined with a turning attack against the enemy's left flank, supported by the naval flotilla and the artillery afloat and that on land within the Qurnah entrenched positions.

Norfolk Hill was carried at the point of the bayonet by the 1st Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, after polling their loads for over a mile through thick reeds and landing water in the water.

The defeat of Nur-Eddin and the occupation of Kut-el-Amara became my next objective as soon as Nasiriyah was secured, and I com-



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menced the transfer of troops towards Amara on the following day.

Intense heat prevailed during the period of this march, with temperatures ranging from 110 degrees to 116 degrees in the shade.

Nur-Eddin Bey's army lay along the river some seven miles north-east of Kut and eight miles from General Townshend's force at San-naiyat.

On the left bank the entrenchments extended for seven miles, linking up the trenches between the river and three marshes which stretched away to the north.

In front of the trenches were barbed wire entanglements, mine pits and land mines.

Behind were miles of communication trenches connecting the various works and providing covered outlets to the river.

On September 25 General Townshend advanced to within four miles of the Turkish position. On the morning of the 27th our troops advanced by both banks.

The first troops to enter the enemy trenches were the 1st Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment, 1st Battalion Malak and 22nd Company Sappers and Miners, who made a brilliant assault, well supported by the artillery, and captured a redoubt and trenches on the enemy's extreme left, inflicting heavy losses and taking 135 prisoners.

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General Delamain reorganised his troops on the captured position.

After a brief rest General Delamain moved his column southwards to assist the 18th Infantry Brigade by attacking the enemy opposed to it in rear.

Before this attack could develop strong hostile reserves appeared from the south-west, in the direction of the bridge. General Delamain immediately changed his objective and attacked the new troops, supported by his guns firing at a range of 1,700 yards.

The sight of the approaching enemy and the prospect of getting at him in the open with the bayonet put new life into our infantry, who were suffering from sun weariness and exhaustion after their long and trying exertions under the tropical sun. For the time thirst and fatigue were forgotten.

The attack was made in a most gallant manner with great dash. The enemy were routed with one magnificent rush, which captured four guns and inflicted heavy losses on the Turks. The enemy fought stubbornly, and were saved from complete destruction by the approach of night.

The Turks lost some 4,000 men in casualties, of whom 1,153 were prisoners captured by us.

FIVE TIMES WOUNDED.

Said to have been five times wounded at the front and to have been discharged from the Army as medically unfit, with a pension, Albert Mott pleaded guilty at the Old Bailey yesterday to a charge of bigamy.

He was married in Glasgow in November, 1910, at a private house. After he came to London, and in March he went through the form of marriage with Miss B. M. Wright, at the Register Office, Greenwich. He pleaded that he was under the impression that his first marriage was not a legal one.

The Judge bound him over to come up for judgment if called upon.

BRITISH HAVE A FINE SUCCESS ON THE WAY TO KUT-EL-AMARA

French Make Progress North-East of Verdun.

15 BATTLES IN AIR.

Double-Engined German Machine Falls Prey to French Airmen.

THE BRESLAU REAPPEARS.

Sir Percy Lake's troops in Mesopotamia have won a fine success on the Tigris.

TIGRIS CORPS' FEAT OF ARMS.

The War Office last night announced that at 5 a.m. yesterday the Tigris Corps had attacked and carried the Turks' entrenched position at Umm-el-Hannah, and that the operations are proceeding satisfactorily.

This is the 120th day of the siege of Kut.

FRENCH PROGRESS.

Progress has been made by the French to the north of the Caillette Wood, which lies on a mound to the south-east of Fort Douaumont. The wood dominates the valley leading from Douaumont to Vaux.

Paris reports that the Germans tried an offensive in Lorraine, but they were everywhere repulsed. A strong enemy "feeler" in the Vosges was similarly crushed. Our Ally's airmen have fought fifteen air battles near Verdun and accounted for three flying foes. Last night's French bulletin reported a calm day on the Verdun front.

FRENCH PUSH ON NORTH OF CAILLETTE WOOD.

(FRENCH OFFICIAL.)

PARIS, Wednesday.—The following official communiqué was issued this afternoon:—

In the Argonne there was hand grenade fighting.

In the sector between Romagne and the Fille Mortie we exploded two mines, which damaged the enemy's trenches.

West of the Meuse the night was comparatively calm.

To the east of the Meuse we engaged in several minor actions, in the course of which we made progress in the cross trenches to the north of the Bois de la Caillette.

In the Woëvre there was an intense bombardment of the Moulainville and Chatillon sectors.

The Germans threw into the Meuse to the north of St. Mihiel twenty-two mines, which floated down and exploded on our barrage, without causing any damage.

In Lorraine the Germans, after a violent bombardment of our positions between Arracourt and St. Martin, launched several small infantry attacks en echelon at several points of this sector.

The enemy was everywhere thrown back by our machine gun and artillery fire.

In the Vosges a strong enemy reconnaissance which endeavoured to approach our trenches south-west of Celles was easily dispersed.—Reuter.

NO ATTACK AT VERDUN.

(FRENCH OFFICIAL.)

PARIS, Wednesday.—To-night's official statement says:—

In Belgium destruction fire on the enemy trenches opposite Steenstraete gave good results.

North of the Aisne our artillery displayed activity between the wood of Beaumaries, south of Craonne, and Berry-au-Bac.

In the Argonne our artillery continued its concentrated fire on the lines and communication ways of the enemy front, especially in the region of Montfaucon and the Malancourt Woods.

West of the Meuse the day was calm.

On the east there was an intermittent cannonade in the Douaumont-Vaux sector.

There was no infantry action on our whole front in the Verdun region.—Central News.

HAVOC BY BRITISH MINES.

(BRITISH OFFICIAL.)

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Wednesday, 9.55 p.m.

Last night we sprang mines successfully near Hulluch, which damaged the hostile gallery and wrecked posts established in old crater.

To-day we bombarded hostile works near Bois Grenier, with good effect.

About St. Eloi artillery on both sides have been very active.

North of Pres-St. Julien road our heavy artillery carried out a successful bombardment, doing much damage to the hostile trenches and causing numerous explosions.

ZEPPELIN RAID ON NORTH-EAST COAST LAST NIGHT.

PRESS BUREAU, Thursday, 2.55 a.m.

The Secretary of the War Office makes the following announcement:—

A Zeppelin attacked the North-East Coast at about 9.50 p.m. last night, and was driven off by the fire of the anti-aircraft defences.

Some bombs were dropped, but no information has yet been received as to casualties or damage.

FIFTEEN BATTLES IN AIR FOUGHT NEAR VERDUN.

Double-Engined Foe Machine Downed—Railway Station Bombed.

(FRENCH OFFICIAL.)

The air news contained in Reuter's version of the French communiqué is as follows:—

In the region of Verdun our pursuing aeroplanes on April 4 had fifteen aerial encounters, in the course of which a German aeroplane with two engines was brought down near the pool of Hautsfourneaux.

Another enemy machine fell near the Bois de Tilly, while a third fell vertically to the ground. All our pilots returned safely.

On Monday night one of our air squadrons dropped fourteen shells on the railway station of Nantillois and five on the bivouacs of Damvillers.

GERMANS' AIR CLAIMS.

(GERMAN OFFICIAL.)

The air news in the Berlin communiqué transmitted by the Wireless Press is as follows:—

The following are the results of the aerial battles on the Western front during March:—

The German aeroplane losses amount to:—

In aerial battles 7

By being shot down from the earth 3

Missing 4

Total aeroplanes 14

The French aeroplane losses amount to:—

In aerial battles 38

By being shot down from earth 4

By involuntary descent within our lines 2

Total aeroplanes 44

Twenty-five of these enemy aeroplanes fell into our hands. The descent of the other nineteen machines has been observed without leaving any doubt.

BERLIN ON FRENCH BLOWS

(GERMAN OFFICIAL.)

BERLIN, Wednesday.—Main Headquarters reports to-day as follows:—

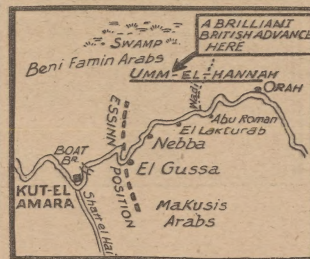
Western Theatre of War.—The artillery duels in the Argonne and in the Meuse district continue with undiminished violence. The situation remains unchanged.

On the left bank of the Meuse we prevented the French from reoccupying the mill to the north-east of Hancourt.

In the neighbourhood of the Fortress of Douaumont repeated counter-attacks delivered by the enemy yesterday broke down with sanguinary losses in front of our lines to the south-west of the fortress and before our positions in the northern sector of the Caillette Forest.

On the Lorraine and Alsation frontier our troops have carried out successful patrol operations.

Eastern Theatre of War.—There are no special incidents to report. In the sector between the Narocz and Wiszniew Lakes the Russian artillery fire increased in violence.—Wireless Press.



Map showing British success in Mesopotamia.

WIFE WHO KNEW BETTER THAN HER HUSBAND.

Huns' Tale of Capture of Paris Could Deceive a Man, but Not a Woman.

(From W. L. McAlpin.)

PARIS, Wednesday.—Before the Germans began their attack on Verdun they circulated reports among neutrals that they would capture the fortress in less than a week, and ten days more would see them in Paris.

How successful they were in misleading even those who ought to have known better is shown by the fact that a neutral ex-Minister on learning the German plans telegraphed to his wife urging her to leave Paris at once.

She did not do so, and as February 21—the date fixed for the offensive—approached the diplomat sent more pressing messages.

Finally his anxiety became so great that he wired to his wife through the Legation explaining the German plan and adding that Verdun would fall in six days and Paris in a fortnight.

That was nearly two months ago, and Verdun has still to be taken.

BRESLAU SHELLS RUSSIAN RIGHT FLANK.

PETROGRAD, Wednesday.—The following official communiqué was issued here to-day:—

In the region east of Baranovitchi Zeppelins were reported on the night of the 4th inst.

In the region north of Lutsk (P) our detachments occupied the village of Svierzkovtze and the surrounding woods.

Caucasus Front.—In the coast region the Turks, supported by fire from the cruiser Breslau, attacked our right flank. We repulsed the enemy with heavy losses to him.

At the same time our troops attacked the enemy centre in the same region and carried part of his positions.

In the Upper Chorokh basin we dislodged the enemy from a series of his mountain positions, which had been powerfully organised.—Reuter.



As the wounded poilus are brought up a form is written out setting forth the particulars of their case, and this is sent with them to the ambulance station.

TIGRIS CORPS TAKES TURK POSITION.

General Lake Reports Operations Are Going on Satisfactorily.

EL HANNAH SUCCESS.

(BRITISH OFFICIAL.)

WAR OFFICE, Wednesday, 8.10 p.m.—General Lake reports that at five o'clock this morning the Tigris Corps attacked and carried the enemy's entrenched position at Umm-el-Hannah.

The operations are proceeding satisfactorily.

Umm-el-Hannah is about twenty miles down stream from Kut-el-Amara, and is situated on the river at a point where the latter makes a large U-shaped bend above Umm-el-Aruk.

It is about thirteen miles in rear of the Es Sinn position.

Below are given extracts from Sir John Nixon's dispatch dealing with Mesopotamia operations from April to September, 1915.

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Rowntree's New Art Shade Sweet Peas

As Supplied to His Majesty the King.



For more than 20 years we have specialised in Sweet Peas, striving continuously to improve the flower in every particular. Our **New Race**, as above illustrated, bears enormous flowers, generally four, and often five or six blooms on long stout stems. We have been most careful to select only the finest colourings, and, unlike other raisers, we have specially selected those varieties with the richest perfume. The following are our newest and best varieties:—

Admiral Jellicoe	(Rich Purple)	7 Seeds	3d.
Victory	(Mouse suffused Pink)	7 ..	3d.
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TURKISH GENERAL AMONG OUR PRISONERS



Turkish officers who were captured during the Western Egyptian campaign arriving at Cairo. Among the number was the Commander-in-Chief, General Gafar Pasha. They were conveyed to their quarters in motor-cars.

DOONE DOES HIS BIT.



Doone, who collects on an average £2 10s. a week for charity at the Royal Aircraft Factory, with his mistress, who is a nurse. His master is at the front.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)

MISSING SOLDIERS.



Private F. C. Burroughs, who has been missing since September. His wife seeks news of him at 44, Wellington-street, Oxford.



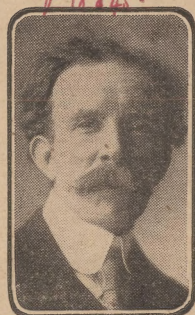
Percy Fitchett, missing since October, 1914. Probably fought at Mons. News of him is anxiously awaited at 49, Trafalgar-street, Coventry.

AN AIR RAID RELIC.



Fragment of a Zeppelin (24in. long), which fell in an Eastern county during the raid on Saturday. It is made of aluminium, and was presumably shot away by a shell.

SEND SHELLS.



Mr. Robert Young, secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers. "Hurry up with the shells," is the message he brought from the front.

GIFTS STOLEN.

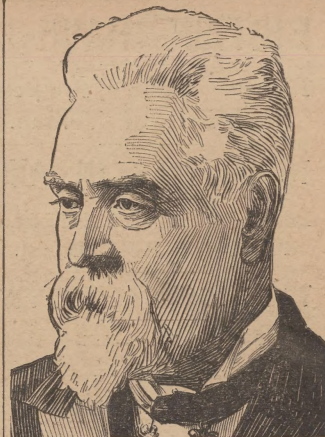


Lady Randolph Churchill, from whose residence royal gifts have been stolen.—(Lafayette.)

NOW A PILOT.



Mr. Rex T. Vernon (grandson of Sir William Vernon, Bart.), who, having obtained a pilot's certificate, now awaits a commission.—(Swaine.)



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Daily Mirror

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1916.

FIRST AID FOR HEROES.

THERE is a well-worn war story that professes to render the sensations of the hero asked what it's like to be wounded in battle.

"Oh, well, mum, you hear a dreadful row one moment, and the next moment you hear a voice saying 'Lift up your head and drink this soup, it will do you good.'"

We wish it all happened so swiftly, so favourably!

We wish also that the best or worst of the hero had to face were simply that soup.

But they are preparing other things for him.

He is, as it were, adopted by the State, in the sense that he's expected henceforward to do what he's told for the good of the country. His latest order from the community—which can, if it is allowed, become the greatest of political tyrants—is to get married for the good of the race. Mostly, we've found, he is engaged. But if not—if by miracle he has so far escaped—why then the first whisper he'll hear as he raises his head after that dreadful row is: "You are to get married immediately."

They talk, in fact, of founding a League for the Marrying of Wounded Heroes.

What? How? What sort of a League? Why is a League necessary? Can't the Heroes help themselves? Is the League to be a matrimonial agency? Will it involve advertisement?—

Private A. B. would like to meet eugenic lady of property—one wooden leg.

That is, he has the wooden leg. And the League will arrange the meeting at a tea-party. We give you, Private A. B., just a week; after that you will be fined. Now, no shilly-shallying. Obey orders. March. Right turn. Discipline can apply to matrimony.

These good people with their fussing singularly don't understand the "grousing" and restless temperament of the man out of the trenches.

He is not going to do just what he's told, simply because he has obeyed, to the point of death, over in France. He doesn't want to be fussed over, once he's free. He prefers to marry in his own muddled way. What, we repeat, would the League . . .

But as we were about to formulate the question anew, it happened to us to accompany a prospective hero to the station for farewell, after his sick leave.

There, on the platform, he was awaited by several young persons of tender age—all in a row—come to see him off—flappers. "Friends of mine," he said casually, introducing us. We stood back. They talked gigglingly to him. He was off. Then they turned away, with rather determined looks. Ah, when he comes back again!

Now surely that sort of League is more than enough for heroes? Need we fear that they will escape so easily? The League exists. Why the need for another?

W. M.

MAN AND THE WORLD.

In this one thing all the discipline of manners and of manhood is contained: A man to join himself with the Universe in his main way; and make (in all things) One with that All; and go on, round as it. Not plucking from the whole his wretched part. And into straits, or into sought revert. Wishing the complete Universe might be Subject to such a rag of it as He.

—GEORGE CHAPMAN (1613).

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Never mind the future if only you have peace of conscience, if you feel yourself reconciled and in harmony with the order of things. Be what you ought to be; the rest is God's affair. —Amiel.

ON 'AMUSEMENTS' AFTER THE GREAT WAR

WILL OUR PLEASURES BE OF THE OLD KIND?

By the Rev. F. B. MEYER.

THE new Budget has introduced taxes on pleasure. That was what everybody expected, and it is as it should be. Many of us are far too devoted to "amusement."

Some people persist in considering me a "kill-joy."

I am nothing of the kind. I want all to be happy, to have pleasure. To be cheerful helps us to be brave. And, because we strive to be happy, it need not mean that we cease to be compassionate towards those who are suffering, from whose lives all laughter has fled. Before singing the King of Spain's beard Drake finished his game. Relaxation nerves us for

ing an active part in them—these and other results of the stress of life were weakening our manhood, lowering the type. Many women, too, had learnt to despise conventions (which, after all, are only necessary because civilisation has proved them to be so). They read "advanced" books, written by men and women who shut their eyes against the sun and the stars and merely kicked up the refuse heaps, saying: "This is typical of life." Women smoked in public, evolved suggestive fashions, and often voted marriage and the home a bore.

MANLY AND WOMANLY.

Now, how is it possible that the women and men of to-day who are making such heroic sacrifices, who are suffering so greatly for an Ideal (though, by 1914, so many of them jeered at idealism), can ever again be satisfied with the old mode of living?

No; after the war pleasures will not be "as usual."

For men they will be manlier, for women more womanly, using the word in its best sense. The "fleshy spectacle" will be banished from the stage and the cinema screen; we shall, through

NEW TAXES.

WILL THERE BE FEWER "WEEK-ENDS" THIS SUMMER?

"A GRUDGE."

"W. M." has an apparent grudge against week-ends. He must be pleased with the new proposed railway-ticket tax.

Many hard-up people seldom get a chance of seeing the sky and enjoying open spaces. Suburban commons are not enough for all of us, and I think "W. M." altogether rather hard on the "get somewhere else" mood. A FIDGER.

IMPROVED IN HEALTH.

I HAVE given up week-ends since the war began and I must say that my health has greatly benefited in consequence.

Friday in the old days was spent in worrying about trains and I got down for the week-end very tired on that night.

Saturday I rested. But on Sunday night I had to think of getting back. Or else there was the early train on Monday. I have realised that, nine times out of ten, the thing was a nuisance and cost far too much. Three pounds for a week-end was about the average cost.

Ennismore-gardens, S.W.

"ONLY A PRIVATE."

THAT the spirit of fun possessed by "Tommy" extends also to his superior officer is shown by the following little story (of the days when "treating" was permissible):—

The colonel of a well-known regiment was in a picture-house when a civilian came hurrying past him, and catching sight of a khaki-clad figure, said cheerily: "I'm just going to quench my thirst. Have a drink, sergeant?"

"Thanks, very much," replied the colonel, "but I'm not thirsty. And," he added with a twinkle in his eye, "you do me too much honour—I'm only a private!"

Not so blessed with humour was the head-quarters officer who rang up the colonel of a Territorial regiment in the midst of a terrific bombardment, ten minutes before one of our biggest attacks, to inquire suavely: "How many Wesleys are there in your battalion?"

Being the sister of the man who retailed the anecdote, I was not told the answer!

CAR AND BELLS.

IN MY GARDEN.

APRIL 5.—There are many easily grown perennials bearing big flowers that bloom during the summer, and these do much to make the hardy border attractive.

Lowliest of all are the stately delphiniums. Flowering a little earlier the lupins make a fine show; monarda, "Jacob's ladder," the Chinese balloon-flower (platycodon), veronica, Michaelmas daisies and various irises are all valuable.

The brilliant blue anchusa (Dropmore variety) must not be forgotten, while for edgings violas and the pretty nepeta mussini can be used.

E. F. T.

RESULTS OF THE NEW TAX ON MATCHES.



This tax may turn out to be one of the disguised blessings of the Budget. Perhaps people won't scatter matches about so freely.—(By Mr. W. K. Haselden.)

greater efforts. The bow must be unbent. But pleasures "as usual" after the war? No. Impossible.

Although no "kill-joy," I consider that, before the war, we were far too fond of the wrong sort of pleasure. While realising that we cannot all find happiness in the same direction, I think that the craze for excitement had reached a dangerous fever pitch when the Great War began. It was a case of mad speed versus calm thought. It was useless to preach or write against the desire for unhealthy excitement, for the unnatural strain of modern life was so great and our manner of living so superficial that there was no time for the quiet exercise of our powers of thought and observation. We wanted not to think; we desired only trivial pleasures, transient sensations.

Plays and spectacles which appealed to base passions, intemperance in drinking, smoking and eating, the modern facilities for travel, which made walking almost unnecessary, the insane habit of watching sports instead of tak-

ing our sufferings, have gained health of mind and body, and we shall demand healthy amusements. The supply will then suit the demand.

A typical "man-about-town," one who had scoffed at all ideals, at any mention of religion or, in fact, at anything really healthy and uplifting in life, joined a famous regiment last year.

On going to the front he became imbued with the glorious ideals of his regiment; its wonderful history inspired him; he understood what it meant to fight for the Right. After his first bayonet charge, that man said: "Those few seconds of madness taught me that there is a God, a Heaven—yes, and a hell. It wasn't courage that made me fearless of death, it was just the thought of all the heroes who, through history, have been soldiers of my regiment. It wasn't my own bravery that made me fight like a demon; it was because I was inspired by ideals. I've learnt that the Flag is more than a piece of bunting. Britain is worth fighting for, and, thank God that I'm now a man, and

worthy to fight for her!" Will that soldier, who first learnt to think on a field of battle, want his pleasures "as usual" when he returns?

In a letter to his mother, a young soldier wrote: "I don't know why, mother, but there's a weird sort of holy feeling come over me in the slush of the firing-line. It's not 'funk,' for I got over that long ago, but I somehow remember the things you used to say to me. I feel I'm a better man all round, and that I shall continue to be better when I come back to 'Blighty.' I suppose it's because we're pretty near death, and it makes me think what an insect one is, and yet, at the same time, what marvellous things and great thoughts it's possible for us insects to do and think! You understand, don't you?"

I am decidedly optimistic about life in Britain after the war, when the spirit of evil has been crushed. But the crushing process cannot take to leave a lasting effect on the minds of men, on their mode of living, and, consequently, on their pleasures.

ON PATROL DUTY.



British destroyer in a rough sea. A "T.B.D." is a most uncomfortable craft, and when there is any sea on the crew are always thoroughly drenched.

YESTERDAY'S INVESTITURE.



Colonel Sir Edward Saxby and his wife leaving Buckingham Palace, where the King conferred decorations on a number of officers yesterday.

MILITARY CROSS.



Lieutenant Norman Salmon, who has been decorated with the Military Cross. He is engaged to the younger daughter of Sir T. Vansittart Bowater, the former Lord Mayor of London.

LAUNDRY FOR THE POILUS.



The soldiers' laundry at the front is now a well-organised institution in the hands of skilled and experienced men. The clothes are also repaired and buttons sewn on.

SCULPTOR WHO MAKES NEW FACES FOR DISFIGURED SOLDIERS.



Artificial eye and eyelashes.



Eye removed and wound healed.

RAT HUNTING AT THE FRONT.



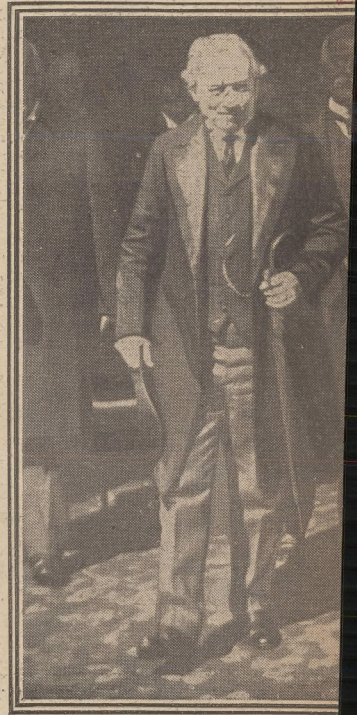
Canadian soldiers amuse themselves in their spare time by hunting rats. They enjoyed "good hunting," as rats abound at the front.—(Official photograph issued by the Press Bureau.)



Lieutenant Wood placed

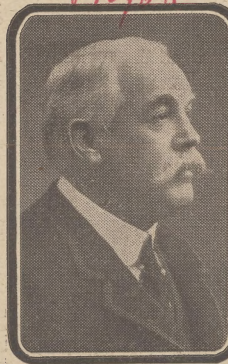
Lieutenant Derwent Wood, A.R.A., the well-known figured soldiers and restores them to their original appearance after a bad injury from a high explosive shell with a new eye, eyelashes and lids. The mask they can generally be secured with spirit-gum, and in such a way as to make them invisible.

MR. ASQUITH'S HEARD.



Mr. Asquith with Signor Salandra, the Italian Minister, who was warmly welcomed from the people at Rome, and along the front.

SPEAKER'S BROTHER



Sir Gerard Lowther, Bart., the Speaker's brother, who has died. He served many years in the Diplomatic Service, and was late British Ambassador at Constantinople. (Russell.)

OLDIERS: OLD APPEARANCE RESTORED



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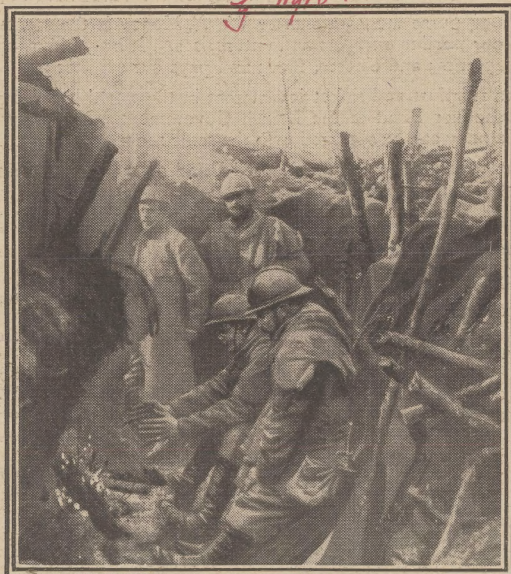


A patient after treatment.



With his face as before.

KEEPING WARM IN A TRENCH.



Poils round a fire bucket in the trenches near Verdun. They continue to bar the road to the fortress, despite the fiercest German efforts.— (French War Office photograph.)

ENTENTE AEROBUS.



There are British, Belgian and Russian airmen in this interesting group. They are in training in England, and are all anxious to go Fokker strafing.

"FOR SERVICES IN THE FIELD."



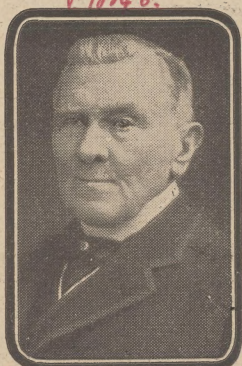
Nurse Latham, who was decorated by his Majesty yesterday for her services in the field. She is here seen on her way to Buckingham Palace.

TO ROME.



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JOURNALIST DEAD.



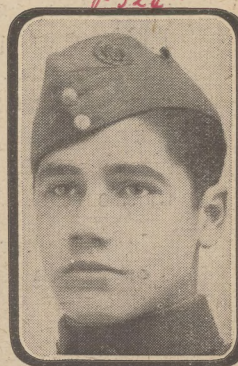
Mr. George Smalley, for many years the principal American correspondent of *The Times*, who has died. He knew many famous people, and talked with Bismarck.— (Elliott and Fry.)

ZOO'S FIRST WOMAN KEEPER.



The Zoo has started poultry keeping to show how a few fowls can be made to pay. Their keeper, Miss Saunders, is the first woman to be so employed.

A PILOT AT 18.



Flight-Commander W. G. B. Williams, the eighteen-year-old son of Mr. Bransby Williams, the famous actor, who has been gazetted a flight commander in the Royal Flying Corps.

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"Daily Mirror."

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP

Congratulations.

NEARLY everybody at Westminster yesterday was competing with one another as to who could say the nicest things about Mr. McKenna's speech, which was odd, considering how deeply he was dipping into their pockets. Mr. Lloyd George, with painful memories of past Budgets, congratulated his successor very warmly on his speech, and Mr. McKenna himself seemed quite happy about it.

Squalls Ahead.

But from what I hear it isn't going to be all plain sailing. I'm told that a number of members are very disappointed at the absence of any tariff proposals, and there are likely to be squalls during the debates, with Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Austen Chamberlain in a none too enviable position.

Ticket Tax May Go.

Another whisper that came my way was about the probability of the railway ticket tax being dropped. It's the most unpopular of the lot, and although it's early to prophesy, some M.P.s I met seemed very hopeful about its being thrown overboard.

Grandson of Colonel North in the Guards.

The latest addition to the officers of the Welsh Guards is Second Lieutenant Vivian Gordon North, son of Sir Harry North and grandson of the famous racehorse owner and nirate king, Colonel North. His mother, Lady North, is working hard at Woolwich feeding the munition workers.

War Widow's Engagement.

One of the prettiest of the six pretty train-bearers to the Queen at the Coronation was Lady Victoria, the youngest daughter of Lord and Lady Lincolnshire. In June, 1913, she was married to Mr. Nigel Legge-Bourke, who was killed in action in November, 1914, and now, I see, she has become engaged to Major Edric Forester, youngest son of Lord



Mrs. N. Legge-Bourke.

and Lady Forester. Lady Victoria is a god-daughter of Queen Victoria, and was named after the great Queen.

Serbia's Thanks to British Women.

The Serbian Crown Prince, during his brief stay with us, is particularly anxious to demonstrate his country's gratitude to British women for the heroic services they have rendered at a crisis more tragic than anything we have undergone. His thanks are expressed not only personally, but officially as the direct representative of Serbia's King—and they are made to the women themselves.

June 21?

Have you yet heard the story of June 21? Has anybody taken you aside and mysteriously whispered to you the great story of the clairvoyant bank manager and his end-of-the-war prophecy? During the last fortnight I have been told the story at least thirty times.

Jonah of a Manager.

The bank manager is a regular Jonah. He tells an officer customer who is going out that he will be back in two months wounded in the arm, and it is so. He tells an officer that he will lose his left eye at the end of three months, and it is so. Now the bank manager says the war will be over on June 21.

An Evasive Party.

I once heard Mr. Lloyd George, in a Budget speech, describe testotaters as an evasive body of men for taxable purposes. "Even the tax on mineral waters will not hit many testotaters," a well-known temperance advocate gleefully assured me last night. "It is the consumer of spirits who is the largest purchaser of these drinks, particularly of soda water. So the Chancellor must try again," he laughed.

Lady Mayo and the Song-Birds.

If you had happened to be in a big shop the other day you might have noticed Lady Mayo looking intently at a number of blackbirds, thrushes and redwings for sale as food. No, she did not buy them; she was just making sure of her facts before putting the birds' own royal society on the track of the miscreants who catch and kill these beautiful songsters.



Lady Mayo.

Who Buys Them?

There was an interesting sequel in the provision markets, where dealers noted with astonishment the number of women "marketers," who took a sudden new fancy to these little birds. The women, however, were emissaries, and they had such a way of asking nasty questions that the dealers found this trade development more unpleasant than profitable.

Seeing "Dizzy."

The first night of Disraeli was even more brilliant than the first noon. The Duc d'Orleans was there, stroking his beard and smiling appreciatively; so were Lady (Arthur) Paget and Priscilla Lady Annesley (with a tiara-like wreath of velvet leaves). Sir Milson Rees brought his theatre-loving young daughter. The Baroness d'Erlanger, who is, I hear, busying herself greatly over next week's poet's recital, was in the stalls, and near-by Lady Alexander, wonderfully coiffured, with her husband.

A Play for Mr. Coyne.

Mr. Joe Coyne deserves a play all to himself, and he is going to have it later on. Mr. Walter Hackett, author of "The Barton Mystery," in which Mr. H. B. Irving is booming, is going to write it for him. Of course, it is going to be a comedy and—wait and see.

Back in "Tina."

Miss Phyllis Dare is back again in "Tina" at the Adelphi. She has now quite recovered from her recent illness, I am glad to hear, and her famous "Eve" number is going stronger than ever.

Eggs for All.

Lady Denman, whose house has become a temporary office for the National Poultry Society, has been telling me how the women of England are setting about the capture of China's egg trade. It seems that nine millions a year could be saved if we produced eggs in this country. If you have a back yard only 5ft. by 5ft. you can keep six fowls, feed them on your own scraps—potato peelings, cabbage leaves—and you'll get 200 eggs a year. Think of it!

The Chicken Doctor.

The society provides local advisers, chicken experts and voluntary workers, moreover, in every town. These are a sort of chicken doctor gratis to all who fall into difficulty with their brood. And I hear, too, that the more pennies you send to Lady Denman to help this on the more chicken doctors can be set up all over the country.

Ivanoff, the Silent.

Only a few days back I was dining with Russian friends who know General Ivanoff and his family. Ivanoff has just retired on account of his ill-health, and the Tsar has conferred on him a number of honours. In a country where silence is very rare General Ivanoff acquired the title of the "silent soldier," by which name he is known from Riga to Southern Galicia.

Soldiers' Only Game.
General Ivanoff is essentially a soldier of the student type. When the enemy, flushed with success, was talking of marching on to Kiev and Odessa it was Ivanoff

who forced them to halt. The general believes that chess is the only game for a soldier, and that no great general can help getting fresh ideas from a good game.



General Ivanoff.

A Popular Legislator.

Sir George Reid, the ex-Premier of Australia, is rapidly becoming one of the most popular speakers in the House of Commons. I heard him there last night, and can testify to the pleasure with which the House listened to his bright and invigorating oratory. It was certainly the best speech he has yet made at Westminster.

Ex-Premier Called to Order.

What amused the House particularly was to see Sir George called to order for irrelevancy, and to hear his swift and amusing rejoinders. It is rare that an ex-Premier is caught napping in this fashion, and rarer still that he has such ingenious explanations on the tip of his tongue. Sir George spoke entirely without notes, and in his silk-faced frock coat, low-cut waistcoat and lemon-coloured spurs, looked a picturesque and distinguished figure.

Huns on "Kultur at Home."

I admit to a certain amount of surprise when I was told at the Court Theatre yesterday that "Kultur at Home," which is running there, has been receiving Press notices in Germany. Mr. Otto Stuart tells me he has received a cutting from the *Vossische Zeitung* commenting at length upon the production. The Hun calls it a garbled version of a German book, and says that all the faults the German attributed to England the English attribute to Germany.

Economy!

I ran up against a wag yesterday who had spent something over a guinea on a nice antique flint and tinder box, so that he might economise on matches. He was tremendously pleased with himself.

Dancing for Health.

That very graceful solo dancer Zalmani is coming back to the Coliseum soon, I hear. She was one of Pava's pupils, and travelled



"Zalmani."

all over America with Mordkin as his solo dancer. She once told me that she went straight from a convent in France to the stage. Dancing always fascinated her, and in adopting it as a profession she had the strong support of her doctor, who thought that her health would greatly benefit by it. And it did.

At the De Lara Concert.

I enjoyed the De Lara concert at Leighton House, and discovered a new and delightful singer in Miss Lillian Burgess. She has power, youth and charm, and an excellent taste in selecting her songs. The audience showed that they agreed with my judgment by recalling her again and again.

The Music-hall Phoenix.

Walking down the Charing Cross-road yesterday morning, I observed a new Alhambra arising. The front is now a brilliant blue, and the cupolas are burnished gold. Mr. Stoll evidently has no fear of the theatre taxes. It is the most striking-looking music-hall in London.

War Weddings.

"If the exigencies of the service permit" is the newest phrase in invitations to military weddings. I noticed it yesterday in the announcement of a soldier's wedding.

Kind-hearted Sir Almroth.

Although Sir Almroth Wright has very strong views on women's suffrage, he is one of the kindest men in the world. He seems incapable of passing a child without patting it on the head, and his charity is simply boundless. For all these reasons I am glad to hear that he has received great honours from the French Academy of Medicine.

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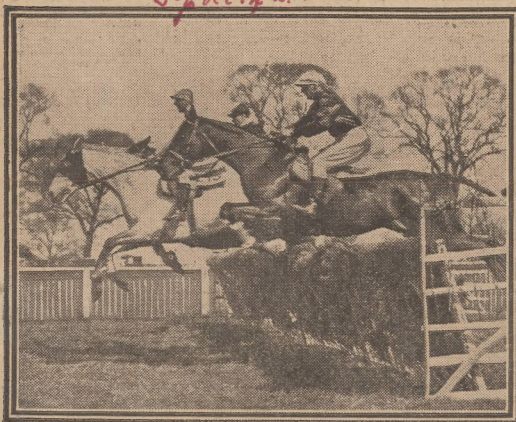


The engine left the rails and with the three leading coaches, was overturned. Traffic was impeded during the morning.



The accident occurred near Crowborough yesterday to the Tunbridge Wells-Brighton train. The engine-driver is reported to have been killed, while the fireman and some passengers were injured. Pupils going to school at Lewes had narrow escapes.

THE LAST STEEPLECHASE MEETING.



Taking an obstacle in the Eton hurdle race at Hawthorn Hill yesterday, the first stage of the last steeplechase meeting of the season. The best backed horses failed.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)

SOLDIERS' PRIZE TWINS.



They are little Sergeants (by name) and their father is a soldier fighting in France. They took a prize at the Holborn baby show.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)

JACKAL FURS.



Miss Birdie Gourtenay wearing the first set of jackal furs to be seen in London.—(Bertram Park.)